Top level vacancies in Banks

1581. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 347, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the number of posts of Chairmen, Managing Directors and Chief Executives which been filled up on the nationalised banks after March 19, 1986;

(b) what is the number of posts of Chairmen, Managing Directors and Chief Executives of nationalised banks which are still lying vacant;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up these posts so far; and

(d) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) After 19.3.1985, Chairmen and Managing Directors have been appointed|reappointed in 10 public sector banks.

(b) As on date no post of Chairman and Managing Director in any of the nationalised banks is vacant.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Branches of banks in the country

1582. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of branches of the nationalised banks in the country till December, 1985;

(b) what is the total amount of money advances by way of loans to persons who have set up factories; and to unemployed graduates during the year 1984-85 and during the current year till January, 1986; and

(c) what is the total amount of loans sanctioned till January, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As per the information available with Reserve Bank of India the total number of branches of Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks was 47,578, as on 30.9.1985.

(b) and (c) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Scheme of Self-Employment of the Educated Unemployed Youths introduced in the year 1983-84. If so, under this Scheme the banks had sanctioned loans amounting to Rs.401.54 crores during the year 1983-84 and Rs. 429.53 crores during the year 1984-85. As per the information available from 280 District Industries Centres (DICs) during the year 1985-86, loans amounting to Rs. 20.73 crores had been sanctioned upto 31st December, 1985.

Purchase of Cotton by the Cotton Corporation of India

1583. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any complaints to the effect that cotton is being purchased by the agencies of the Cotton Corporation of India from traders and thus causing damage to the interest of farmers;

(b) whether it is within Government's knowledge that the traders buy cotton from the farmers at much lower prices compared to the price-support level and corner huge profits;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to counteract traders joining hands with CCI agencies against famers' interest;

(d) what is the quantity of cotton of different varieties purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India in the current season from the farmers out of the total estimated cotton corp; and

(e) what are the details of the prices paid to the farmers for the different varieties of cotton and the quantity purchased from various States including Gujarat